

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

December 12, 2014

Indiana Government Center, Conference Room A
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Trevor Yager, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Kathy Anderson, Gil Cárdenas, Jon Ford, Pam Hicks, Allen Platt, Al Rent, Suzie Rentschler, Sherry Stark, Trevor Yager

Members via teleconference: Karen Ellerbrook, Nancy Stewart

Members absent: Susan Hardwick, Jeff Kirk, Linda Levell, Micah Smith

Arts Commission staff present: Michelle Anderson, Sarah Fronczek, Dennis Hardin, Becca Hopson, Lewis Ricci, Paige Sharp, Rex Van Zant, Nicole Vasconi

Guests: Drew Klacik (Indiana University Public Policy Institute), Susan Mendenhall (Regional Arts Partners), Ryan Stubbs (National Assembly of State Arts Agencies)

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Commissioner Trevor Yager convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** Commissioner Sherry Stark moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of the agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the September 12, 2014 meeting of the full Commission. Commissioner Suzie Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. **Chair and Executive Committee Report.**

A. Arts Commission Executive Director Lewis Ricci reported on progress made with the Commission's involvement with the State Bicentennial celebration. First Lady Karen Pence has stated her support of the proposed projects. Arts Commission staff have met with representatives of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Arts in the State Parks proposal.

B. Arts Commission Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2015 budget, current through October 31, 2014.

C. Mr. Ricci reported that the ad-hoc Advocacy Advisory Committee has met via teleconference. The committee is composed of current Commissioners, former Commission chairs, and representatives from the Indiana Coalition for the Arts.

D. Mr. Ricci reported that the newly-appointed chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, Jane Chu, will visit the state of Indiana on March 6 – 7, 2014. The Arts Commission will have some involvement with the events surrounding her visit.

4. Executive Director's Report.

A. Mr. Ricci reported that Anne Fields has accepted the offer of employment for the position of Communications and Community Engagement Manager. Her first day of employment will be January 5, 2015. An offer of employment has been made for the position of Grants and Information Manager.

B. Mr. Ricci reported that the next capacity-building colloquium will be held in conjunction with the visit of NEA Chair Jane Chu on March 7. In partnership with Indiana University, the main theme will be community relevance.

C - D. Mr. Ricci reported that several Arts Commission staff attended the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) annual convention recently held in New Orleans. He also reported that the Arts Commission has submitted a "brief" update document to its funding application with the National Endowment for the Arts, including a copy of the recently-completed Biennial Report to the Legislature.

E. Mr. Ricci reported that plans are underway for the next Strategic Plan process. Mr. Ricci wants the Commission to name a chairperson for the steering committee. During calendar year 2015, a series of information-gathering surveys and meetings will take place with constituencies of artists and arts organizations.

5. **Guest Speaker.** Mr. Ricci introduced Ryan Stubbs, Research Director for the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies. Mr. Stubbs spoke for several minutes about the relationship between the national organization and state arts agencies such as the Indiana Arts Commission.

6 & 9. Committee Reports.

A. Programs, Grants and Services Committee. Commissioner Nancy Stewart, chair of the PGSC reported on the latest meeting of the committee. She presented two documents (attached) that have been approved by the PGSC regarding a change in the Regional Arts Partner (RAP) application process. The proposal would institute Requests for Proposals (RFP) in lieu of grant applications to become or continue as a Regional Arts Partner. RAP consortium president Susan Mendenhall remarked that the proposal was "well thought-out". Commissioner Al Rent moved to adopt the recommended proposal as presented. Commissioner Allen Platt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Stewart presented two documents (attached) that have been approved by the PGSC regarding establishing eligibility for organizations applying for

Arts Operating Support (AOS) grants. The documents include the guidelines and the timeline for implementation. Commissioner Rent moved to adopt the guidelines as presented. Commissioner Gil Cárdenas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Committee on the Future. COF chair Commissioner Jon Ford presented the minutes from the latest meeting (attached). Mr. Ricci reported on discussions about possible alternative investments of the funds in the Arts Trust. Commissioner Ford presented copies of the Arts Commission's Biennial Report to the Legislature. Arts Commission Marketing and Communications Director Rex Van Zant presented the Cultural Trust update (attached). Mr. Ricci reported on plans for Arts Day at the Statehouse, which will be on January 27. The Arts Commission will host an awards ceremony for Region 7 grant recipients in conjunction with Arts Day events. The Arts Commission will officially present its new logo during the awards ceremony.

10. **Regional Arts Partners Update.** RAP Consortium president Susan Mendenhall offered thanks to Arts Commission Director of Programs Paige Sharp for her efforts in keeping the Regional Partners informed. Ms. Mendenhall reported that the grant application season has begun state-wide, and that all regions are preparing to host workshops during January and February. The holiday season is an especially busy time for grantees and artists. She encouraged everyone to be an "active consumer" of the arts at this time of the year. Mr. Ricci offered thanks to all of the Partners for their participation in the RAP retreat held on December 11.

7. **Break.** Commissioner Yager declared a short break in the meeting.

8. **Special Demographics Guest Speaker.** Mr. Ricci introduced Drew Klacik, Policy Analyst with the Indiana University Public Policy Institute. Mr. Klacik spoke for several minutes, presenting demographic information about the state of Indiana in the next 25 – 30 years. (PowerPoint slides attached). He answered several questions from Commissioners.

11. **Old Business.** There was no old business.

12. **New Business.** Commissioner Kathy Anderson asked for more information about the timeline for the new Strategic Plan process. Mr. Ricci reported that during calendar year 2015, data will be gathered from individual artists, arts organizations and communities, which are the three primary constituencies of the Arts Commission. He expressed his desire that the chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee also serve as chair of the Committee on the Future during this period, to enhance the lines of communication.

13. **Closing Comments.** Commissioner Yager thanked everyone for their participation, and wished everyone a happy holiday season. He reminded everyone that the next meeting of the full Commission will be on March 20, 2015 in Muncie.

14. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Rentschler moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pam Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.